

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MAY 16, 2006

The Hall County Board of Supervisors met May 16, 2006, by published call in the county board meeting room, 121 South Pine, Grand Island.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Eriksen.

INVOCATION - Invocation was given.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were, Scott Arnold Jim Eriksen, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster and Robert Rye. Dick Hartman was absent. Also present was a representative from the *Grand Island Independent* and Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham.

CONSENT AGENDA – Lancaster made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the following by consent agenda:

1. Accept and place on file the minutes of the May 2 meeting
2. 1a Approve the #06-0032 the Tourism Proclamation for the month of May
3. 4a Approve Resolution #06-0033 for the Exchange of collateral for Exchange Bank in the amount of \$150,000.00
4. 4b Approve Resolution #06-0034 for collateral for Wells Fargo Bank in the amount of \$360,000.00
5. 5c Accept and place on file the Road Department third quarter report
6. 8 Approve the Managers license for Wood River Country Club
7. 12 Approve the Amusement License for the Hall County Ag Society
8. 15 (1) Approver Resolution #06-0035 for Brown Acres Subdivision
9. 15 (2) Approve the final plat and Resolution #06-0036 for Brown Acres North
10. 15 (3) Approve the final plat and Resolution #06-0037 for JRH Subdivision
11. 15 (4) Approve the final plat and Resolution #06-0038 for Beberniss Subdivision
12. 15 (5) approve the final plat and Resolution #06-0039 for JNK Subdivision
13. 23 Accept and place on file the office reports from the Register of Deeds, County Clerk, Clerk of the District Court, County Court, Hall and Howard County Juvenile Services and County Sheriff
14. 24 Accept and place on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
15. 25 Accept and place on file communications as received

Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no, with Hartman absent. Motion carried.

County Clerk Marla Conley read the Tourism Proclamation.

Trish Beem with the convention Visitors Bureau was present, she stated that Renee Seifert was in Kearney attending the Nebraska Travel Association meeting. Ms. Beem read a statement. She expressed their gratitude to Hall County for adopting the lodging tax and establishing the Convention Visitors Bureau. She recognized the CVB committee members and noted the current attractions and the new shooting park and the Heartland Events Center. Jeffries noted that at CVB put a bid on the state volley ball tournament. Cindy Ryan with Howard Johnson was also present.

OFFICE REPORT
HALL COUNTY CLERK
APRIL 2006

TITLE FEES STATE	\$ 13,733.25
TITLE FEES COUNTY	\$ 7,239.75
RECORDING FEES	\$ 15.00
MARRIAGE LICENSES	\$ 390.00
PHOTO FEES/FAX FEES & MISC.	\$ 56.17
PLAT BOOKS/OTHER	\$ 18.00
CERTIFIED COPIES MARRIAGE LICENSES	\$ 155.00
CCERTIFIED COPIES MV	\$.00
TIME CARD FEES	\$.00
TOTAL	\$ 21,607.17

OFFICE REPORT
HALL COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES
APRIL 2006

JUVENILE REFERRALS	20 JUVENILES
JUVENILE OFFENDERS	1 JUVENILE
JUVENILE HOUSE ARREST	1 JUVENILES
TOTAL UNDER SUPERVISION	218 JUVENILES
FEES COLLECTED	\$829.00

OFFICE REPORT
HOWARD COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES
APRIL 2006

JUVENILE REFERRALS	2 JUVENILES
TOTAL JUVENILE ENROLLEES	24 JUVENILES
FEES COLLECTED FOR MONTH	\$ 00.00
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED FISCAL YEAR	\$1,755.00

OFFICE REPORT
REGISTER OF DEEDS
APRIL 2006

DOCUMENTARY STAMP FEES	\$ 9,411.06
RECORDING FEES	18,396.00
PHOTO FEES	439.30

OFFICE REPORT
COUNTY COURT
MARCH 2006

FINES (CO.)	\$ 44,780.82
OVERLOAD FINES	1,000.00
REIMBURSE SHERIFF FEES	1,765.15
WORK RELEASE FEES	1,384.01
REIMBURSE FAX COPIES	71.00
FINES (CITY)	5,968.00
REIMBURSE WITNESS FEES	539.76
BOND FORFEITURES	8,105.26
REIMBURSE CO. FEES	298.84
TOTAL	\$63,912.84

OFFICE REPORT
HALL COUNTY SHERIFF
MARCH 2006

TOTAL FEES MILEAGE & MISC	\$ 21,235.39
COPIES	60.00
HANDGUN APPLICATIONS	95.00
TITLE INSPECTIONS	2,450.00

OFFICE REPORT
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
APRIL 2005

COURT COSTS	\$2,540.67
10% BOND	505.00
FINES	688.62
PHOTO COPIES	445.75
FAX FEES	33.00
INTEREST	1,073.69
BOARD OF PRISIONERS	273.00
BOND FORFEITURE	.00
PASSPORT PROCESSING FEE	2,340.00

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT –Bob Humiston presented a Certificate of Achievement to John Ellis with the IT department for obtaining his Spillman Administrator license. Arnold noted that Josh takes care of the wireless law enforcement system and he is doing an awesome job,

Bud Jeffries presented certificate of achievements to Casey Sherlock and Jackie Hetrick for obtaining their highway superintendent licenses. He also stated that they did an excellent job during the last snow.

11 EXECUTIVE SESSION – UNION NEGOTIATIONS – Lancaster made a motion and Humiston seconded to go into executive session for union negotiations. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no, with Hartman absent. Motion carried.

9:20 executive session

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COUNTY ATTORNEY – SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR ISSUANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS – Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham was present. She stated that she has been working with the bond counsel regarding this. They recommended setting the public hearing for June 13, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

Lancaster stated that she received a phone call regarding these bonds and explained that they are revenue bonds not general obligation bonds.

Ms. Oldham explained that the county board voted to add the additional 2% lodging tax to help with the completion of the Events Center. The local banks are issuing the revenue bonds to help with the cash flow. The lodging tax that will be collected will be used to pay off the bonds and this will not last more than 15 years. The banks have purchased these bonds, they are not private issue bonds.

Arnold stated that he also talked to the same person. The public hearing will be set to address the issue. The City can determine the rate of the tax in the city but this lodging tax is county wide. These bonds will provide the revenue up front and as the tax is collected it will pay back the fees.

Lancaster made a motion and Jeffries seconded to set the public hearing on the issuance of the revenue bonds on June 13, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no, with Hartman absent. Motion carried.

5a 10:00 A.M. BID OPENING FOR MAINTENANCE OVERLAY PROJECTS – The following bid was received and read:

Lancaster made a motion and Arnold seconded to refer the bids to the public works director to review and they will come back with a recommendation today. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no, with Hartman absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Gene Dominick 3321 East First requested to speak to the board. He requested to comment on the name of the new jail facility and noted that if it is used as a holding facility it should be called a jail but he would like to see it called a correctional facility. He would like to see education, counseling and an aggressive work release program for the inmates. He would like to set an example for the state and county. Arnold suggested that Mr. Dominick talk to Jerry Pankoke with drug court regarding this issue. Lancaster thanked Mr. Dominick for his interest it is important to offer opportunities for people to better their lives. With additional space and the new facility design this will be possible.

6 AUDIT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT REQUEST REGARDING FUNDS EXPIRING IN EQUIPMENT IMPROVEMENT RESERVE FUND – This was reviewed by the audit committee and they are requesting that kitchen items and the computer related items be carried forward for the new facility. The audit committee approved this request. The dollars will be moved to the general fund and then moved back to the reserve fund.

Lancaster made a motion and Arnold seconded to move \$3,500.00 for the mixer, \$1,650.00 for the meat slicer, \$1,000.00 for the toaster and \$20,000.00 for the time check access software to the general fund and back to the equipment improvement reserve fund. If necessary the funds can be used to purchase the items. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no, with Hartman absent. Motion carried.

5b BID OPENING MOTOR GRADER – The following bids were read:

Lancaster made a motion and Arnold seconded to refer the bids to the public works committee for review. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no, with Hartman absent. Motion carried.

10. LEE JOHNSON MID AMERICAN BENEFITS HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL – Lee Johnson with Mid America Benefits was present. He stated that he was pleased with the renewal and there should not be an increase in the premiums for this contract year. The current rate will be Family \$979.19 and single \$405.24. The projected claim account balance for July 1, 2006 should be at \$375,000.00. He recommends to renew the contract with Ace American Life and to increase the wellness benefit from \$150.00 to \$300.00 per calendar year.

Discussion was held if the claim side fund should be increased but this can be addressed later in June.

Lancaster made a motion and Arnold seconded to renew the contract with Ace American and to increase the wellness benefit from \$150.00 to \$300.00. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no, with Hartman absent. Motion carried.

7 DISCUSS AND APPROVE COUNTY FACILITY PROJECT - 7c. CORNERSTONE GIVEN BY MASONS – Jeffries stated that this is a tradition that the cornerstone of buildings was donated by the Masons. The City has given permission for the safety center and the Masons would like to do the same for the jail facility.

Lancaster made a motion and Rye seconded to allow the Masons to donate the corner stone for the Hall County Corrections facility. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no, with Hartman absent. Jeffries abstained. Motion carried.

7b. NAME OF PROJECT – Discussion was held and the board received public comment on the name of the facility. Lancaster stated that the corrections department would prefer calling it a corrections department.

Arnold made a motion and rye seconded to name the project the Hall County Department of Corrections.

Jeffries stated that he would like to see it called a jail because everyone will call it that. Arnold stated that the County hopes to market the facility and Hall County Department of Corrections may be easier to sell. Lancaster stated corrections sounds more professional .

The vote on the motion was taken Arnold, Humiston, Lancaster, and rye all voted yes and Jeffries voted no with Hartman absent. Motion carried.

7a. COMPOSITION OF COUNTY SEAL – Lancaster stated that discussion was held on the dedication plaque for the facility. It can be a copper colored metal with no up keep or a colored seal. The cost would be about the same.

Arnold made a motion and Lancaster seconded to use the colored dedication plaque. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no, with Hartman absent. Motion carried.

Held a Board of Equalization Meeting.

9 DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE PAYMENT OF THE ROAD BETWEEN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER AND THE NEW JAIL FACILITY – Lancaster stated that a letter was sent to the City regarding the payment for the construction of the road. Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham stated that she received information from the City suggesting that an addendum could be made to the interlocal agreement for the repayment but they would charge the County 6% interest.

Lancaster suggested that this could be paid out of the inheritance fund and then the dollars could be paid back.

Lancaster made a motion and Arnold seconded to pay for the construction of the road and the utilities out of the inheritance fund.

Stacey Ruzicka stated that the full amount could be budgeted in the inheritance fund and then the county could pay the fund back over a period of 5 years. Jeffries expressed concern that the City was charging interest. Lancaster noted that there were some issues on the road and utility construction but they were worked out and there were dollars saved.

The vote on the motion to pay the cost from the inheritance fund was taken. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no, with Hartman absent. Motion carried.

5b BID TABULATION ON MOTOR GRADER – The committee met and reviewed the bids and they recommend to accept the bid from Nebraska Machinery in the amount of \$307,097.00 for two Caterpillar graders and to trade in the one 1988 John Deere s/n DW770BX521816 and the 2001 New Holland motor grader. They recommended not purchasing the 5 year warranty and they noted there were no exceptions on the Caterpillar bid. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no, with Hartman absent. Motion carried.

5a BID ON ASPHALTIC CONCRETE OVERLAY – The calculations were reviewed and they were all in order. Mr. Sherlock stated that the cost of the overlay on Gunbarrel Road will be split with Merrick County. Arnold noted that this is only 5 miles of overlay and this does not keep up with all of the roads that need attention. Jeffries expressed concern that only one bid was received.

Arnold made a motion and Lancaster seconded to accept the bid from Gary Smith Construction in the amount of \$322,681.50 and authorize the chair to sign the contracts. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no, with Hartman absent. Motion carried.

16 COMMENCE AUDIT OF BI WEEKLY PAY CLAIMS AND REGULAR CLAIMS AND ACTION ON CLAIM AUDIT – The board members reviewed the claims and discussion was held regarding the claim for attorney fees. A claim for First Bank Card from the Hall

County Sheriff was received late. This card is used for travel expenses and if not paid there would be additional fees. Lancaster made a motion and rye seconded to approve the regular claims and bi weekly pay claims and pay the claim to First Bank Card and to deny claim number 06020621 in the amount of \$2,077.50 for attorney fees. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no, with Hartman absent. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS – Rye – He stated that he attended the computer committee meeting and that the safety committee has selected a safety task force to review the safety manual. He also reported that Robyn Hassel, safety director, has resigned. The committee will request applications for a new director.

Jeffries – He reported that the road at the Hall County Park has been completed so the park is open for business. He also stated that the facilities department had a large water heater go out at the jail and it had to be replaced. The cost of the new water heater was \$8,000.00. He also attended the union negotiations and reminded the public that there will be a program at the Veterans Home on Memorial Day.

Arnold – He stated that his meetings were all reported on. The corrections steering committee needs to meet to work on the job description for the corrections director and the pay range.

Humiston – He stated his are all reported on.

LANCASTER – She stated that she attended the ground breaking ceremony for the Safety Center. She attended the union negotiations and corrections department is working on the federal marshal contract. She also reported that the Conventions Visitors Bureau is doing well.

Eriksen – He stated his meetings are all reported. He noted that there are some migratory birds nesting on the construction site for the safety center and there were some concerns.

Meeting adjourned, the next meeting will be May 30, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk